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Conrad McMahon II

31 May 1977

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NOTE FOR THE DDCI

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Appreciate the opportunity to
review the attached. We have no problems
with it.


John N. McMahon
AD/DCI/IC

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The Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Ernest J. Zellmer
Acting Deputy Director for Science and
Technology

SUBJECT : Photography Distribution and Exploitation

REFERENCE : Memo for DDS&T From DCI Dated 19 May 1977

1. You asked that I provide you with information on (a) who is receiving photography from our national collection systems, (b) how we divide up responsibility for exploiting it, and (c) how we determine affordable levels of overlap.

2. Who receives the imagery? The 28 facilities receiving photography from national collection systems are shown on Attachment 1. Within the Intelligence Community there are seven photo interpretation components who are charged with some part of the national exploitation process through a National Tasking Plan. Other major recipients include DoD commands and components in the US and abroad who receive that photography required to support their operational needs and responsibilities and civil and military mapping agencies. Additionally, there are requirements for relatively small quantities of imagery by other elements of the community.

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The remainder receive selected portions based on their specific needs. The Committee of Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX) coordinates the film distribution requirements and recommends to you policy on film distribution.

3. How do we Divide up Responsibility for Exploiting Imagery? Responsibility for exploiting the photography is spelled out in a National Tasking Plan and monitored by COMIREX. The National Tasking Plan is a community agreement approved by the Secretary for Defense and the DCI in January 1967. It divides the exploitation process into three levels of reporting of first, second, and third phase and assigns responsibilities among seven PI organizations (see Attachment 2).

SUBJECT: Photography Distribution and Exploitation

NPIC has the sole responsibility for first and second phase exploitation -- first, a quick look at selected targets of high interest; second, a methodical look at many lesser priority targets, and a thorough search of the imagery in specified areas (the Soviet Union and China). Third phase reporting (also known as basic reporting) is a detailed analysis of specific targets and is divided among the seven PI components with the reports shared as a national product by all parts of the community.

4. How do we Determine Affordable Levels of Overlap? Except for the assignment of National Tasking Plan responsibilities, each intelligence organization decides independently how much overlap is desirable and affordable in allocating and tasking its own photointerpreter resources. NPIC, however, is tasked through COMIREX.

5. The data compiled in this memorandum and its attachments were compiled for me by the Director, National Photointerpretation Center. If you wish more detailed information on the tasking process or on the statements of specific requirements of the various agencies, these could be provided by the COMIREX of the IC Staff.

ERNEST J. ZELLMER

Attachments:

As Stated

John McMahon:

1. Tasking agreement is 10 years old and very confusing/ambiguous
2. It looks like ~~no~~ overlap to me
3. We are going to be short PI's in the future
4. We must rationalize our assets; expansion is unlikely or at the least very difficult
5. Develop an independent task force to do a fundamental review, not one to protect fiefdoms

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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM: John N. McMahon
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Study of Photo Interpreter Resources

1. At the direction of the PRC(I) the Intelligence Community Staff is initiating a study of the use of photo interpreter (PI) resources from the Community perspective. As you know, the need for such a study arose from the problems that have accompanied requests by the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) to augment its PI force because of the increased workload

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2. I am requesting the participation of CIA and DIA in this study in addition to NPIC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command Control, Communications and Intelligence. The IC Staff will provide a Chairman for the study and will provide additional support from the COMIREX Staff. The focus of the study will be to determine what is the [redacted] need for photo interpreters in the national (NFIB) organizations and how this need can best be satisfied.

3. I request that each of these organizations mentioned as members in paragraph 2, provide the name of its representative by

8 August. These names should be passed to

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John N. McMahon

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS&T

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. I really enjoyed my visit to NPIC. John Hicks and his people were most helpful.
2. One point that came up in which I would appreciate more information on, is how we divide up the exploitation between the 25 facilities to whom the photography is distributed. Specifically, who are the 25 facilities and are there more on occasion? Beyond that, does all photography go to all 25? If not, how do we allocate it? Clearly, some extensive amount of overlap in analyzing photography is desirable because of different points of view. How do we determine how much overlap is desirable and affordable?

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